

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0019], page 6, lines 26 et seq. as follows:

[0019] The second connecting pad 20 is also connected to the mobile electrode 22 by means of a circuit branch 34 containing an electric ignition dipole 36 formed by a variable resistor 38 40 and a spark arrester 40 38 connected in series. This dipole 36 is characterized by an ignition voltage below which the current flowing in the dipole is zero (infinite ohmic resistance) and above which the dipole is turned on, with a low ohmic resistance. The presence of the spark arrester 38 ~~enables the absence of~~ prevents leakage current ~~in case of ageing of~~ if the variable resistor 36 ~~to be guaranteed~~ is damaged. ~~As for the~~ The variable resistor 36[,] it gives the dipole a suitable voltage-current curve, with the ohmic resistance ~~whereof decreases~~ decreases progressively when as the voltage increases.

Please amend paragraph [0030], page 9, lines 15 et seq. as follows:

[0030] Between the first connecting electrode 12 and stud 60 there is arranged an ignition electrode 66, controlled by an ignition circuit 68 detecting a potential difference between the first connecting pad 16 and the stud 60. An electromechanical relay 70 is arranged facing the pivoting arm. The relay 70 comprises a coil 72 connected in series between the connecting pad 10 16 and the fixed electrode 12 62, a yoke 74 forming a magnetic circuit, a mobile armature 76 extended by a striker 78, and a return spring 80 to return the mobile armature 76 to a rest position, to the left of figures 1 and 4.